CHAP. 98.

An Act to define the powers of the Governor General of India in Council at meetings for making laws and regulations for certain purposes. [11th August 1869.]

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WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the extent of power of the Governor General of India in Council to make laws binding upon native Indian subjects beyond the Indian territories under the dominion of Her Majesty:

And whereas it is expedient that better provision should be made in other respects for the exercise of the power of the Governor General in Council:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Power to make laws for native Indian subjects beyond the Indian territories.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, the Governor General of India in council shall have power at meetings for the purpose of making laws and regulations to make laws and regulations for all persons being native Indian subjects of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, without and beyond as well as within the Indian territories under the dominion of Her Majesty.

Former laws to be valid.

2. No law heretofore passed by the Governor General of India, or by the Governors of Madras and Bombay, respectively in council, shall be deemed to be invalid solely by reason of its having reference to native subjects of Her Majesty not within the Indian territories under the dominion of Her Majesty.

Power to repeal or amend certain sections of 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 85.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the Indian Councils Act or in any other Act of Parliament contained, any law or regulation which shall hereafter be made by the Governor General in Council in manner in the said Indian Councils Act provided shall not be invalid by reason only that it may repeal or affect any of the pro-

A.D. 1869. visions of the said Act of the third and fourth years of King William the Fourth, chapter eighty-five, contained in sections eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, and eighty-six of the said Act.

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